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Amendment of November 30, 2006
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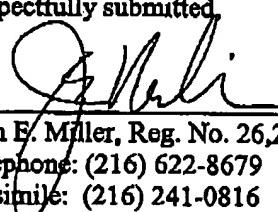
The foregoing amendments are made to make explicit limitations which are already implicit in the language of the claims as set forth in the Amendment of May 23, 2006. In particular, the limitations added by this amendment merely confirm and clarify that each inner (outer) lateral groove does reach the inner (outer) circumferential groove, as previously set forth in claim 1.

Support for the newly-added limitations can be found in Fig. 2 as well as original Paragraph [0018].

The foregoing amendments have also been made in light of a telephone conversation between Examiner Maki and the undersigned on November 30, 2006, in which it was indicated that the foregoing amendments would put the case in condition for allowance. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the many helpful suggestions provided at the telephone interview.

If any fee is due in connection with this matter, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-0172.

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